

The Farm and Garden.

The Sheep.

"An old farmer" writes from Georgia Plains, Vt., to the N. E. Farmer for information in regard to when he can get South Down and Shropshire Down sheep to cross on his flock and also in regard to the amount of wool produced by the South Down.

Now it is generally considered in this section of country, to be good policy as far as convenient, to move stock East, West, or South, in preference to North. I shall therefore begin to name the eminent breeders of Down sheep with whom I am acquainted from the North, without attempting to classify, only pointing out to all who have stock that it is quite safe to get a "South Down" or "Shropshire" from the following list of breeders of South Down.

Of Shropshire and Hampshire Down, I know less. The only flock that I now remember, are those of Wm. Parker, of Juncos, N. H., and Peley Sherman, of Middletown, R. I.

I trust it will not be deemed invidious in me to advise "An old farmer" who resides in Northern Vermont, to examine the flocks of Messrs. Bemis & Sons, and Mr. Pierce.

It will hardly be expected that I should attempt any description of the Down, and it only remains for me to say that the fleece of the modern South Down, is considerably heavier than heretofore, averaging among the best breeders not far from six pounds of unwashed wool.

The Shropshire and indeed all the made up breeds into which the South Down element has been incorporated, yield heavier fleeces than the original breed.

The subject of breeding mutton sheep is just now attracting considerable interest in this section, and I take the liberty to reply to "An old farmer" through your columns, rather than those in which he asks the question, because I thought it might have a local interest.

Quere: Is there not too much of the spirit of change, even at a loss, manifest among the sheep owners of this country?

Quere 2d: Does any body believe that the Merino sheep is not going to retain its place as the great wool producing sheep of this and every other country?

O. S. BLISS.

Getting Rich by Farming.

Ten years ago a young Englishman, his wife and little girl came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, poor. His wife was an invalid, and lived only two or three years. He worked out by the day and lived in a hired house. After a while he worked some of the land, then bought a house and twenty acres. Sold after a couple of years, and again worked land on shares, then bought a large farm. Now he owns three large farms worth fifty dollars per acre. Says he can now buy a good farm every year and pay for it.

About the same time a young German and wife came to the same county and worked a prairie farm on shares. Four years, it is said, he accumulated \$4,000. He then as it were, took a job, a joiner from northern New York, came to Dodge county, with \$600, the accumulation of years of toil. Now he owns a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres well fenced and improved. He has a team of horses, two cows, fifty sheep, and some young stock. He has five hundred dollars at interest, and the original capital that he had when he landed in Wisconsin.

A neighbor came to Wisconsin, three years ago, with \$300. He now owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, worth \$6,000, and has it comfortably stocked with stock and cattle, and has several hundred dollars at interest. *Our German-American Telegraph.*

Freezing the Brain.

The great discovery that the brain of a living animal could be frozen, and afterwards could recover, was made by Dr. James Arnott, who solidified the brain of a pigeon by freezing it in a freezing mixture. Here research stopped, because with an ordinary freezing mixture it was not possible to act on individual parts of the organ; but the importance of the discovery is not the less on that account. It was a marvelous revelation. Think what it was. Here was a living organ of the mind, a centre of power, of allgiving power and volition. It took in every motion of the universe to which it was exposed. It took in light and form and color by the eye; it took in sound by the ear; sensation and substance by the touch; odor by the nostril; and taste by the mouth. It gave out in return animal motion, expression of all that demonstrates a living animal. With it the animal was turned into a vegetable. And this organ, the very centre and soul of the organism, was by mere physical experiment, for the time made dead, all its powers bound, and this organ, once more set free, revived its functions back again, and as we know now by the observation, its functions unimpaired. Surely, this was the discovery of a new world. *Dr. Richardson F. R.*

The Strawberry Tomato.—We all hear a great deal lately about new varieties of tomatoes. But permit me to say that there are old varieties that have more to recommend them than some of the newer ones.

I speak at present of the Strawberry Tomato, or Ground Cherry, as they are called.

They have merits which ought to secure them a place in every garden in the land. I know of no other fruit that can be used to advantage in so many different ways. They make excellent dried fruit, and for fruit cake are superior to grape raisins. In a fortuitous case the seeds being so small do not interfere with the fruiting process.

And it may not be generally known that by storing away in the cellar or any cool place they will keep in a state all winter. My advice would be to give them every nook and corner you can spare, for they are infinitely preferable to wheat.

FATTENING POULTRY.—The London Field states that poultry, properly fed, will acquire all the fatness needed for marketing purposes, in a fortnight or three weeks at most. Their diet should be Indian, oat or barley meal, soaked in milk or water—the former is the best, as it will expedite the fattening process. They should be fed early in the morning, at noon, and also in the evening just before going to roost. Plentiful supply of pure fresh water—plenty of gravel, sliced cabbage or turnip tops. If the trimmings of fresh mutton suit may be chopped up and soaked with their own feed, or they may be boiled in milk alone and poured over the meal.

The Agricultural Department is now doing a good work in freely distributing seeds, in response to applications from numerous needy persons throughout the Southern States.

Mr. Edward Wallington, of Sable, Mich., from 187 to 1880, was the first to advise and doing well. Two of the ewes brought three lambs each.

Odds and Ends.

—Paris has six thousand street sweepers. New York has none.

—The city of Quebec has four gates.

—The wheat crop of Georgia is doing well.

—It is a penal offense to keep a billiard saloon in Ohio.

—Cleveland wants a tunnel like that at Chicago.

—The Pittsburgh Post calls him "harmless Andrew in Lebanon, N. H., over 70 years of age, voted for Gov. Harriman on the 19th inst."

—Rents in Louisville have declined more than twenty-five per cent. this spring and yet there are many unrented dwellings in the city.

—A country editor tried to write an elaborate article on "Woman's Influence," and was sorely distressed till the next morning to see it printed the "Woman's Influence."

—Charles Lamb once said to a brother whilst playing, Martin Barne, whose hands were none the cleaner: "Martin, if dirty were trumps, what an admirable hand you would have!"

—"Pa," said Charlie, his paternal ancestor, holding a Sunday school picture book, "what's that?" "That is Jacob wrestling with the angels." "Which he liked?" inquired the young hopeful.

—A gentleman gave a toast at dinner. "The ladies—divide our sorrows, double our joys, and treble our expenses, when a lady gives." The gentleman—divide our time, double our cares, and treble our troubles."

—A celebrated lawyer once said that the three most troublesome clients he ever had were a young lady who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

A young lady was told by a married lady that she had better precipitate herself off Niagara Falls into the basin beneath than marry. "I would if I thought I could find a husband at the bottom!"

—Ma," said an inquisitive little girl, "will the rich and poor folks live together whenever they go to Heaven?" "Yes my dear, they will, if the almighty God will," said the mother.

"Then, ma, why don't the rich and poor Christians associate together?" "The mother did not answer."

—What is the difference between a barber and a razor? One has razors to shave, and the other has shavers to raise.

—What carrot-headed little brat is that madman? Do you know his name?" "Why, yes, that's my youngest son."

"You don't say so, indeed? Why, then, a dear little, sweet, dove-eyed cherub he is, to be sure!"

A good sort of man was recently asked to subscribe for a chandelier for the church. "Now, said he, 'what's the use of a chandelier?' "After you get it you can't get anybody to play on it."

—An inquisitive chap asked a soldier with an empty sleeve, where he lost his arm. "In a threshing machine," answered the soldier. "Were you running the machine?" "Wall, no; Gen. Grant had charge."

—Vake, lady, vake! The moon is high, twinkling stars are beaming while now and then, across the sky, a meteor is streaming! Vake, Sally, and look on me—awake, Squire Nubbin's daughter! If I'll have you, and you'll have me—by jeez! who then that water!"

IDEALISM IN WOMAN.—Woman's nature and woman's life, void of idealism, want the special, the inner loveliness which sweetens all other qualities with the soul of a feminine inspiration. It is not account more weakness womanly, or more strength manly, but unideal weakness becomes silliness, and unideal strength coarseness. A lofty soul is not unfeminine; on the contrary, it may be most womanly, rich in fancy and sensibility. She that has a rich womanly soul, however moderately gifted with talent or beauty, has a lustre around her of purity and grace more engaging than any brilliancy of talent or splendor of beauty. It is never coarse garments or gaudy finery that offend; it is the heart of the gentle and the noblest have beaten against the heart of the coarse and the vulgar. It is never coarse garments or gaudy finery that offend; it is the heart of the gentle and the noblest have beaten against the heart of the coarse and the vulgar.

It is in the woman, the mother, the wife, the virgin, as holy in the memories of age as it is glowing in the affections, the passions, and the hopes of youth. (Gil's Human Life in Shakespeare.)

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